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**In re application of:**

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KEYT et al.

Group Art Unit: 1646

Serial No. 09/346,069

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**For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING  
VARIANTS OF VASCULAR  
ENDOTHELIAL CELL  
GROWTH FACTOR**

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is to serve as an Amendment prior to prosecution of the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including any extension fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Our Order No. A-62326-2/RMS/DAV/JJD).

Kindly amend the application as follows.

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

On page 70, line 4, please delete "of" and insert --to-- in place thereof.